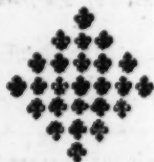


THE  
DECREE  
FOR

TYTHES  
To be Paid in  
LONDON.

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THE  
D E C R E E  
FOR  
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To be payed in  
L O N D O N.



As touching the payments of Tythes in the City of London and the Liberties of the same; It is fully ordered and decreed by the most Reverend Father in God, Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate and Metropolitan of all England, Thomas Lord Wriothesley and Lord Chancelloz of England, William Lord Saint John, president of the Kings Majesties Council, and Lord great Master of his Highnesss Household; John Lord Russel Lord great Chamberlain of England; John Viscount Lisle, high Admiral of England; Richard Lytler Knight, chief Justice of England; and Roger Cholmeley Knight, chief Baron of his graces Exchequer, this present twenty and four day of February, Anno Domini secundum cursum & computationem Ecclesie Anglicane, millesimo, quingentesimo, qua-

Citizens and  
Inhabitants

Payment for  
every year, rent  
xvi d. ob.

Houses, Shops,  
Warehouses,  
Cellars, Sta-  
bles.

xx s. ii s. ix d.  
Second man-  
rum.

Lease by fraud  
Reserving less  
rent than ac-  
customed.

Fine.

Then accord-  
ing to rent last  
before.

Inheritors or  
Owners.

After rents  
last letten.

Lease.

Divide house.

Then.

dragesimo quinto; according to the Statute in such case lately provided, That the Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City of London and Liberties of the same, for the time being, shall yearly, without fraud or cobin, for ever pay their Tythes to the Parsons, Vicars, and Curates of the said City, and their successors for the time being, after the rate hereafter following: That is to wit, of every ten Shillings rent by year, of all and every House and Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Cellars, and Stables, and every of them within the said City and Liberties of the same, sixteen pence half penny. And of every twenty Shillings rent by year of all, and every such House and Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Cellars and Stables, and every of them within the said City and Liberties, two Shillings and nine pence: And so above the rent of xx s. by year ascending from xx s. to xs. according to the rate aforesaid. Item that where any lease is, or shall be made of any dwelling house or houses, shops, warehouses, cellars, or stables, or of any of them, by fr. ud or cobin, reserving less rent than hath been accustomed, or is, or that any such lease shall be made without any rent reserved upon the same, by reason of any fine or income payed before hand, or by any other fraud or cobin: That then in every such case, the Tenant or Fermour, Tenants or Fermours the of, shall pay for his or their Tythes of the same after the rate aforesaid, according to the quantity of such rent or rents, as the same house or houses, shops, warehouses, cellars, or stables, or any of them were last letten for without fraud or cobin before the making of such lease.

Item that every Owner or Owners, Inheritour or Inheritours of any dwelling house or houses, shops, warehouses, cellars, or stables, or any of them within the said City and Liberties, inhabiting or occupying the same himself or themselves, shall pay after such rate of Tythe as is aforesaid, after the rate of the quantity of such yearly rent as the same was last letten for without fraud or cobin.

Item if any person or persons have taken, or hereafter shall take any House or Mansion place by lease, and the taker or takers thereof, his or their executors or assigns with or shall inhabit in part thereof, and have or hath within eight years last past before this order, or hereafter will or shall let out the residue of the same; That then in such case, the principal Fermour or Fermours, or first taker or takers thereof, his or their execu-

fores<sup>2</sup> assigns, shall pay his or their Wythes after the rate afores<sup>2</sup> said, according to his or their quantity therein; and that his or their ex<sup>2</sup>cutors, assign or assigns, shall pay his or their Wythes after the rate abovesaid, according to the quantity of his or their rent by year.

Fermor to pay  
eundem  
quantitas.  
Assign after  
his rent.

And that if any person or persons have, or shall take divers mansion houses, shops, warehouses, cellars or stables in one lease, and letteth, or shall let out one or more of the said houses, and keepeth, or shall keep one or more in his or their own hands, & inhabiteth or inhabited in the same, That then the said taker or takers, and his or their ex<sup>2</sup>cutors or assigns, shall pay his or their Wythes after the rate abovesaid, according to the quantity of the yearly rent of such mansion house or houses retained in his or their hands.

Ease of,  
Divers Manfi-  
n houses.  
Let one or  
more.  
Keep one or  
more.  
Facts accord-  
ing to quanti-  
ty.

And that his assign or assigns of the residue of the said Mansion house or houses, shall pay his or their yearly Wythes after the rate abovesaid, according to the quantity of their yearly rents.

Assign after  
his rent.

Item if such fermour or fermeurs, or his or their assigns of any mansion house or houses, warehouses, shops, cellars, stables, or hath at any time within eight years last past, or shall hereafter let over all the said mansion house or houses contained in his or their lease, to one person, or to divers persons; That then the inhabitants leases, or occupiers of them, and of every of them, shall pay their Wythes after the rate of such rents as the said inhabitants leases or occupiers, and their assign or assigns been or shall be charged withal, without fraud or cobin.

Fermor of  
Mansi-  
on-  
house, Ware-  
houses, &c.

Item if any dwelling house within eight years last past was, or hereafter shall be converted into a warehouse, stor<sup>2</sup>house or such like, or if a warehouse, stor<sup>2</sup>house or such like within the said eight years was, or shall hereafter be converted into a dwelling house: That then the occupier or occupiers thereof shall pay Wythes for the same, after the rate abovesaid declared of mansion house rents.

Item that where any person shall demise any Diehouse or Brewhouse with implements, convenient and necessary for Brewing or Brewhousing, relating a rent upon the same, as well in respect of such implements, as in respect of such Diehouse or Brewhouse, That then the Tenant shall pay his Wythes after such rate as is abovesaid, the third penny abated. And that every

Diehouses.  
Brewhouse.

very principal house or houses with key or wharf, having any crane or gibet belonging to the same, shall pay after like rate of their rents, as is aforesaid, the third penny abated. And that other wharfs belonging to houses, having no crane or gibet, shall pay for their Tythes as shall be paid for mansion houses in form aforesaid.

Mansion house

Item that where any mansion house with a shop, stable, ware, houses, wharf with cranes, timber yard, teinter yard, or garden belonging to the same, or as parcel of the same, is or shall be occupied together, that if the same be hereafter severed or divided, or at any time within eight years last past were severed or divided, That then the fermor or fermors, occupier or occupiers thereof shall pay such Tythes as abovesaid, for such shops, stable, warehouse, wharf with crane, timber yard, teinter yard, or garden aforesaid, so severed or divided after the rate of their several rents thereupon reserved.

Item that the said Citizens and Inhabitants shall pay their Tythes quarterly, that is to say, at the feast of Easter, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, and the Nativity of our Lord, by even portions.

Item that every householder paying ten shillings rent or above, shall for him or herself be discharged of their four offering days; but his wife, children, servants or others of their family, taking their rites of the Church at Easter, shall pay two pence for their four offering days yearly.

Prohibited alwayes, and it is decreed, That if any house or houses which hath been, or hereafter shall be letten for ten shillings rent by year or more, be or hath at any time within eight years last passed, or hereafter shall be divided and leased into small parcels or members, yielding less yearly rent then ten shillings by year, That then the owner or owners if he or they dwell in any part of such house, or else the principal lease or leases, if the owner or owners do not dwell in some part of the same, shall from henceforth pay for his or their Tythes, after such rate of rent as the same house was accustomed to be letten for before such division, or dividing into parts or members: And the under-fermor and ferme, lease and leases to be discharged of all Tythes for such small parcels, parts or members rented at less yearly rent than ten shillings by year, without fraud or cobin, paying two pence apiece yearly for their four offering days.

Prohibited



Prohibited alway, and it is decreed, That for such gardens as appertain not to any Mansion-house, & which any person or persons holdeth, or shall hold in his or their hands for pleasure, or to his own use, that then the person so holding the same, shall pay no Tithes for the same. But if any person or persons, which holdeth or shall hold any such garden, containing half an acre, or more, doth, or shall make any yearly profit thereof by way of sale: that then he or they shall pay Tithes for the same after such rate of his rent as is herein first above specified.

Prohibited also, that if any such gardens, now being of the quantity of half an acre or more, be hereafter by fraud or covin divided into less quantity or quantities, then to pay Tithes according to the rate abovesaid.

Prohibited alwayes, That this decree shall not extend to the houses of great men, or noble men, or noble women, kept in their own hands, and not letten for any rent, which in time past hath payed no Tithes, so long as they shall so continue unletten, nor to any Halls of Crafts or Companies, so long as they be kept unletten; so that the same Halls in time past have not used to pay any Tithes.

Prohibited alwayes, and it is decreed, That this present order and decree shall not in any wise extend to bind or charge any Sheds, Stables, cellars, timber-yards, ne feinter-yards, which were never parcel of any dwelling house, ne pertaining or belonging to any dwelling house, ne have accustomed to pay any Tithes, but that the said Citizens and Inhabitants, shall there be quit of payment of any Tithes, as it hath been used and accustomed.

Prohibited also, and it is decreed, That where less summe than after the rate of sixteen pence half penny in the ten shillings rent, or less summe than two shillings and nine pence in the twenty shillings rent, hath been accustomed to be paid for Tithes, That then and in such places, the said Citizens and Inhabitants shall pay but onely after such rate as hath been accustomed.

Item it is also decreed, That if a variance, controverſie or strife, do, or shall hereafter arise in the said Citie for non-payment of any Tithes; or if any variance or doubt arise upon the true knowledg, or division of any rent or tithes within the liberties of the said Citie, or of any extent or assessment hereof, or if any doubt rise upon any thing contained within this decree,

That

That then upon complaint made by the party grieved to the Mayor of the Citie of London for the time being, the said Mayor by the advise of his Counsel, shall call the said parties before him, and make a final end in the same, with costs to be awarded at the discretion of the said Mayor and his assistants, according to the intent and purport of this present Decree.

Lord Chancellor.

And if the said Mayor make not an end thereof within two months after complaint to him made, or if any of the said parties find themselves grieved, that then the Lord Chancellor of England for the time being, upon complaint to him made within three months then next following, shall make an end in the same, with such costs to be awarded as shall be thought convenient, according to the intent and purport of this said Decree.

Less rent.

Ruine.

Provided alwayes, That if any person or persons take any tenement for a less rent then it was accustomed to be letten for, by reason of any great ruine or decay, burning, or such like occasions or misfortunes: That then such person or persons, his executors or assigns shall pay tythes onely after the rate of the rent reserved in his or their lease, and none otherwise, as long as the same lease shall endure.

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FINIS.

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